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## EX-SLAVE'S WILL.

SAMUEL CAMPBELL OF PETTIS COUNTY PROVIDES FOR THE BURIAL OF HIS DESCENDANTS.

The will of Samuel Campbell, an aged colored man, was admitted to the probate Tuesday by Judge D. E. Kennedy.

Campbell before the civil war, was slave of Captin John M. Sneed and had lived all his life on the Sneed farm, near Beaman. The ex-slave was industrious and at the time of his death was the owner of considerable property.

In his will Campbell bequeathed one dollar to his son, Jeff Campbell; \$30 to his niece, Mary Eliza Todd and \$20 to his daughter, Lizzie Walker. The residue of his estate, real and personal, the testator left in trust to William S. Sneed for the following purposes: To construct a substantial iron fence about the graves of him self and wife, Mary Campbell, and for setting apart as a burial ground the land in which Campbell and his wife are buried; \$75 is to be set aside to pay the expenses of the burial of two grand children when they die and

for the burial of his daughter, Lizzie Walker, when she dies.

The balance of the estate is to be converted into cash and turned over to his daughter, Phyllis Brown, of Bainard, Minn.

W. S. Sneed was appointed executor of the will by Judge Kennedy.

### A Happy Thought.

"Clothes do not make the man, but they many times unmake him. No one has much use for the man who never thinks of his appearance, and still less for the man who never thinks of any thing else."

## SPECIAL CLINICS AT MERCY HOSPITAL.

DR. D. H. WILLIAMS, ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST SURGEONS, ATTENDING.—DR. JOHN A. KINNEY OF TUSKEGEE ALSO PRESENT.

The largest clinics ever held in the history of Nashville are being conducted this week at Mercy Hospital. While there only two visiting surgeons here at present there are possible fifty very important cases in the hospital being attended to. The famous Doctor, Dan Williams, whose reputation with the knife is second to none in the United States, is the centre of attraction. He did not reach Nashville until Monday, but he came directly from Chicago and began his work early Monday morning. The medical profession

in Nashville is practically a unit in their support, and the scenes in and about Mercy Hospital for the past week have been busy ones. Dr. John A. Kinney, a man of prominence hailing from the famous Tuskegee, is here with Dr. Williams. Both of them are busy from early morning until late in the evening trying to finish and leave the best report ever left by visiting surgeons. This is Dr. Williams seventh year in succession to give these clinics in Nashville. Hence his name is a familiar one in this city. One of the most important operations performed successfully this week was the removal of a forty-pound tumor, which of itself is a record breaker. After these gentlemen have finished it is expected that within the next month or two, Drs. Curtis and Hall will be here. Thus Nashville is fast coming into prominence as one of the important centres in the surgical world, attracting the attention of the leading surgeons of the country. There are cases in the hospital now from all parts of the South, brought here by physicians to get the benefit of these skilled men in the profession.



Benjamin F. Isaacs, Jr., Fayette, Mo.,

One of the leading young Negroes of Howard County.

He is an experienced carpenter, conscientious business man, loyal pythian, devoted husband, loving father and an energetic citizen.

the Epworth League. Ministers and laymen have given us a hearty welcome where ever we went.

The unimportance of an organized young people is making itself felt in the Sedalia District, so let this idea possess you; make it your working rule. Pray God that the ideals of our boys, and girls' there the indifference toward Church life, so much complained of in our young people, will disappear and a healthy robust Christian life appear instead.

Let me know how your league is progressing. Do not forget the importance of the "Cabinet Meeting."

For in there you will gain many new ideas, by exchange of thoughts; your knowledge of the general work will be greatly increased.

Let us work to make Epworth League a success in our District.

A. REYNOLDS, District President.

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He will be at the head of the local committee that will entertain the Pythian Grand Lodge and Encampment that convene here next July.

### HOW THEY EDUCATE THE BLACKS.

Injustice in The Distribution of School Funds in The South

A favorite theme of southern orators and writers is the magnanimity displayed by the southern white people in furnishing schools for Negro children in that section. An attempt has been made in several southern states to appropriate for Colored schools only the taxes paid by Colored people for that purpose. In each instance, wise heads among the white people have stopped it. The reason is now becoming known. If Colored people continue in the next ten years to increase their real estate holdings at their present rate the taxes paid by them will be very much more than is now allotted to them. In fact, it appears that within a very short time in most southern states the black man's taxes will be to educate

white children as is now being done in South Carolina, according to the following statement which can not be contradicted:—

"South Carolina is not a believer in Negro education. Its school reports show that for the year ending June 30, 1906, there were enrolled 157,053 white pupils in 2,677 schools, with 3,638 teachers. The cost of maintaining these schools were \$1,538,565.13. For the same year, 170,022 Negro children were enrolled in its public schools, or 24,000 more than there were white children. The appropriation for these Colored pupils was only \$259,932.86 or about one-sixth of the amount appropriated for white children. The injustice of these figures is all the more apparent from the fact that the Colored people of that state paid during that year \$278,477.16 in school taxes, so that \$18,544.30 of the money contributed to the use of the white children.—Odd Fellows' Journal.



Alfred J. Thompkins.

A member of the Senior Collegiate Class of George R. Smith College. He is a candidate for the degree of A. R., from this institution next spring.

This young man is forging his way to the front by his personal efforts and tactful persistence.

### THE PINE TREE.

JOHN G. WHITTIER.

Lift again the stately emblem on the Bay State's rusted shield,  
Give to Northern wind the Pine Tree on our banner's tattered field  
Sons of men who sat in council with their Bibles round the board,  
Answering England's royal menace with a firm "Thus saith the Lord!"  
Rise again for home freedom! set the battle on array!  
What the fathers did of old time we their sons must do today.  
Tell us not of banks and tariffs, cease your paltry pedleries.  
Shall the good State sink her honor that your gambling stocks may rise?  
Would ye barter man for cotton? That your gains may sum up higher,  
Must we kiss the feet of M-Joch, pass our children through the fire?  
Is the dollar only real? God and truth and right and dreams?  
Weighted against your lying ledgers must our manhood kick the beam?  
O my God! for that free spirit, which of old in Boston town,  
Smote the Province House with terror, struck the crest of Ahdros down!

For another strong-voiced Adams in the city's streets to cry,  
"Up for God and Massachusetts! Set your feet on Mammon's lie!  
Perish banks and perish traffic, spin your cotton's latest pound.  
But in Heaven's name keep your honor, keep your heart o' the Bay State sound!"

Where's the man for Massachusetts? Where's the voice to speak her free?  
Where's the hand to light up bonfires from her mountains to the sea?  
Beats her Pilgrim pulse no longer? Sits she dumb in her despair?  
Has she none to break the silence? Has she none to do and dare?  
O my God! for one right worthy to lift up her rusted shields,  
And to plant again the Pine Tree in her banner's tattered field!

The above lines were written by Whittier, the "Slave Poet," in 1846 to arouse Northern sentiment against Slavery.

# THE Haunted House

Wilhite & Wilson

AT

WOODS OPERA MONDAY, DEC. 23rd.

CHARACTERS

Starring Wilhite & Wilson.